

**VA261-13-R-1304 Replace Roofs Bldg. R1, R4, 12, 13, & 14**

**RFI's and Government Response through July 17, 2013**

**Proposal RFI#1 – Scope of Work, Section 5 – Price Proposal Requirement**

This section states, “Pricing shall be submitted in RS Means Format.” Is this correct? Please advise what kind of estimating software or cost assembly to be used.

*Use Master Format for 2010 per Specifications Section with columns listing pricing below.*

		MATERIAL			LABOR			
LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	COST/UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT	COST/UNIT	TOTAL COST

**Proposal RFI# 2- Specification Section 01 00 00 – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Section 1.4C. Guards: states, “The General Contractor shall provide unarmed security guards at the project site after construction hours.” Please verify this is required? If so, will one security guard suffice for all locations? Will the security guard be required on weekends and holidays?

**Answer:** *N/A*

**Proposal RFI#3 – Specification Section 01732 – Selective Demolition**

Section 1.5 C states, “Hazardous material are present in construction to be selectively demolished.” Please provide copy of asbestos surveys.

**Answer:** *There are no tests or reports of asbestos for any of the buildings. Vendors shall add a line reflecting cost for testing.*

**Proposal RFI# 4 – Section 010000 1.4C - GC shall provide unarmed guards at the project site after construction hours. The guard shall have communication devices to report events as directed by VA police. The GC shall install equipment for recording guard rounds to ensure systematic checking of the premises. Please advise if there is a need for the unarmed guards.**

**Answer:** *N/A*

**Proposal RFI #5 – Section 010000 1.8C - Please advise if National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit is needed for this project?**

**Answer:** *Vendor is responsible for obtaining all permits and paying for all permit fees.*

**Proposal RFI #6 – Section 010000 1.11 - Please advise if a registered professional land surveyor or registered civil engineer is needed.**

**Answer:** N/A

**Proposal RFI #7** - Section 07511-5 2.1a.1a - Will the VA accept a cold applied SBS modified bitumen roofing system from a manufacturer other than Tremco, such as Garland, GAF, Johns Manville, MB Technology or Soprema, as long as the performance criteria of the alternate roofing system and the manufacturer's warranty for the alternate roofing system equals or exceeds that specified for the "... cold applied BUR with Modified Bitumen finishing sheet ..." included in the specification?

**Answer:** *Comparable materials are acceptable; proposing contractor shall provide a complete data including performance and chemical makeup for both specified and proposed item.*

**Proposal RFI #8** – Section 07511 1.11 and Section 07540 1.8 Warranty : The requirement for a manufacturer's inspection of the roofing system at 2, 5, 10 and 15 years is a proprietary requirement of Tremco and is not offered by other manufacturers. Will the VA accept roofing contractor inspections, preventative maintenance and housekeeping at the 2, 5, 10 and 15th anniversary of the installation of the warranted roofing system as being "or equal" for the purpose of this solicitation?

**Answer:** *Minimally, inspections and maintenance may be conducted per schedule TREMCO recommendations, unless the manufactures of other installed materials recommend a more frequent maintenance/inspection schedule, in those cases the manufactures schedule (of the installed product) applies and must be followed. Proposing contractor shall provide complete data including inspection and maintenance schedules.*

**Proposal RFI #9** - Section 07511 1.11 and Section 07540 1.8 Warranty: Will the VA accept a Manufacturer's Warranty that is substantially similar to the example set forth in the specification (i.e., a 15 NDL Warranty as promulgated by at least a dozen roofing material manufacturers) as an "or equal" to the language in the specification which is Tremco proprietary language?

**Answer:** *Comparable materials and warranties are acceptable; proposing contractor shall provide for VA review the warranty specifications of material to be used.*

**Proposal RFI #10** - Section 07540 2.2A: Will the VA accept all other polyester-reinforced PVC roofing system membranes which meet or exceed the same performance criteria as the proprietary Tremco roofing specification currently included in this solicitation (i.e., Section 2.2A) as an "or equal" system?

**Answer:** *Substitution with Comparable PVC materials are acceptable only on R1 and R4; but not on Bldg 12, 13, 14.*

**Proposal RFI #11**- Section 07620 2.6C: Will the VA accept non-lead (i.e. zinc coated or galvanized) roof-penetrations instead of 4lb/sqft hard tempered Lead to meet CA Prop 65?

*Answer: Yes, substituting nails coating type for local and state building codes compliance reasons is acceptable.*

**Proposal RFI #12** - RFP Scope of Work Section 1.6: Will the VA provide staging areas for dumpsters by the buildings during demolition of existing roofing material?

*Answer: VA cannot guarantee storage availability for future projects; we can review availability at the time the project begins and consider the possibility, but cannot make any guaranties or commitments for providing storage or staging space.*

**Proposal RFI #13** - Are there any drawings – as built or construction drawings – that will be issued for the buildings?

*Answer: There are no drawings; SOW requires that contractors prepare and submit shop drawings to VA.*